

Memory Book

What you will need to complete this project:

1 x sheet decorative gift wrap
2 x A4 strong card blanks
1 x A4 copier card blank - to co-ordinate gift wrap
4 x A5 card stock - to co-ordinate gift wrap
45 x 1.2 cm organza ribbon - to co-ordinate gift wrap
Pencil, ruler, scissors & scoring tool
Glue stick & DST (double sided tape)



The measurements you will need:

From the A4 copier card stock, mark a 6cm border along one long edge, and trim away, saving one piece for spine of book.

With the main part of the card horizontal, measure and mark faint pencil line along both top and bottom at: 5; 7.5; 10; 12.5; 15; 17.5; 20; 22.5 and 25 cm. Using scoring tool and ruler, join up the pencil marks vertically down the card. Fold each of the score lines in opposite directions forming a central concertina.

Using the strong card stock trim on both cards into rectangles measures 21.2 x 15.3 cm approx.

From the gift wrap sheet, measure out two rectangles of 22.7 x 16.8, two measuring 21.2 x 15.3 cm, a further eight measuring 2 x 14.8 cm, one measuring 16.8 x 7.3 cm and a final one measuring 15.5 x 6 cm.

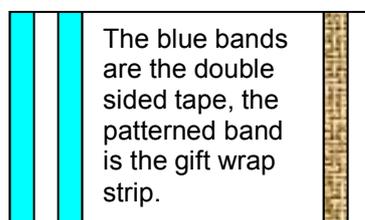
How to complete this project:

Firstly, focus on preparing the 'pages' of the memory book with the 8 gift wrap paper strips and the 4 xA5 card blanks. With the card stock in portrait position (upright) measure a 1 cm border along one short edge, and make a faint pencil line across the sheet, flip the card over and repeat the process, ensuring that both pencil lines are on the same end of the card. Repeat on all four cards.

With the glue stick, carefully smear each of the eight gift wrap strips and position just covering each pencil line, and lining them up front and back of the card sheet. On the other end of each card, make a faint pencil mark at 2 cm from the edge, and use this as a guide for the first strip of DST, and position the second on the very edge of the card.

See diagram on page 2:

The 'page' layout:



Put the 'pages' to one side for now, as you will now be using the two strong card rectangles, and the two largest gift wrap rectangles to begin the book cover. Completely smear one side of the card with the glue stick, and position centrally on the reverse side of the gift wrap rectangle, slide the side of your ruler firmly across the card to bond the two surfaces together securely. Trim away the four overlapping corners from the gift wrap, smear the other edges with the glue stick, wrap over edge of card and adhere neatly to back. Repeat with the second rectangle of card.

With both cards still face down (check pattern is upright) and horizontal, attach a border of DST to the end piece of the concertina card, lining the first crease up with the short edge of your book cover, so that only the concertina will be visible from the right side. Attach the other end of the concertina card to the other cover in the same way.

Smear glue stick evenly across the uncovered side of the book cover board and attached concertina card edge, position the smaller rectangle of gift wrap upright and centrally. Repeat on the second book cover board, and trim if necessary.

Attaching the pages:

With the book covers still open, peel the lining from the double sided tape on one page and position on the first facing fold of the concertina. Repeat with the remaining three pages, attaching each to its own facing fold in the concertina.

With the final piece of cut copier card, and the final two pieces of gift wrap, cover the card in the same manner as the book cover boards. Whilst the glue is still pliable, gently curl the covered card into a 'U' shape. Attach a strip of DST to each of the longer inside edges. Lay the ribbon into the 'u' and attach to the spine of the book. Neatly tie the ribbon in a big bow on the front of the book.

To enclose more pages in your Memory Book, simply use two sheets of card joined end to end, rather than one and make more score lines to add to the concertina, ensuring you have an EVEN number of score lines.

